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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor: Lyle F. JOHNSON

Application No.: 10/810,411

Art Unit:

Filed: 03/17/2003

Examiner:

Title: E-Z LINE CLAMP & CUTTER

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750.<sup>00</sup> (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Substituted specifications (identify type of reply):

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4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

☒ Other: CHANGES MADE TO COMPLY WITH NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
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CONFIRMATION NO. 8908

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
  - The line spacing on the specification, claims, or abstract is not 1½ or double spaced (see 37 CFR 1.52(b)).

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ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION  
LETTER

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Date Mailed: 04/06/2005

## NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 08/05/2004.

- No reply was received.

If a complete reply to the notice was previously filed by applicant within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may request for reconsideration of the holding of abandonment within 2 months from the mailing of this notice of abandonment by filing a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a). No petition fee is required. The petition must be accompanied by a true copy of the originally filed reply and the item (s) identified in one of the following:

1. A properly itemized date-stamped postcard receipt (see MPEP § 503);
2. If the originally filed reply included a certificate of mailing or transmission in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(a), a copy of the certificate of mailing or transmission and a statement in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(b) (see MPEP §§ 512); or
3. If the reply was filed via Express Mail, a submission satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10(e) including, for example, a copy of the Express Mail mailing label showing the "date-in" (see MPEP § 513).

Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment should be directed to OIPE.

If applicant did not previously file a complete reply within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may file a petition to revive the application under 37 CFR 1.137.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/61.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/64.



## Notice of Abandonment

This application is abandoned in view of applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office notice mailed on 8/05/04.

### Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment

If a complete reply to the notice was previously filed by applicant within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may request for reconsideration of the holding of abandonment within **2 months** from the mailing of this notice of abandonment by filing a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a). No petition fee is required. The petition must be accompanied by a true copy of the originally filed reply and the item(s) identified in one of the following:

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Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment should be transmitted by facsimile directly to OIPE Customer Service at (703) 308-7751.

### Petition to Revive an Abandoned Application

If applicant did not previously file a complete reply within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may file a petition to revive the application under 37 CFR 1.137.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by:

1. an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay;
2. the required reply to the above-identified notice;
3. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and
4. a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/61.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by:

1. a statement that the entire delay was unintentional;
2. the required reply to the above-identified notice;
3. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
4. a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/64.

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to Office of Petitions at (703) 305-9282.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to OIPE Customer Service at (703) 308-1202.

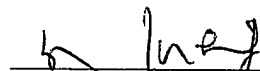
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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

# Specifications

The Clamp is made of a clear plastic shaped so it can form around a spool of fishing line that will help keep line from unraveling off spool with a slot to feed it through so the line can still be pulled off the spool and a cutter that will allow the user to cut the line off at any desired length.

1. Its been designed so the amateur and pro fishermen can keep many different types and sizes of monofilament, nylon or braided nylon line on the spool so they would not go through the inconvenience of the line coming loose from the spool.

2. The clamp has a slot to feed the line through so the angler can retrieve the line and be able to pull it through.

3. A cutter has been applied to the clamp so that the line could be cut of at any desired length.

4. The clamp keeps tension on line from beginning to end.

The clamp is made of a flexible PET-G plastic that is injected into a mold and then is taken and shaped around a heated tube to which will shape it into a spring formed round cylinder shape.

1. The 30/1000 inch thick by 2 3/8 inch wide by 6 1/2 inch long that was designed to fit around standard size spools of fishing line to help keep it from unraveling

2. It has a slot 1/8 inch wide 1 3/4 inch long that has a 15/1000 inch bead which will allow the user to feed line through it.

3. The clamp also has four posts which a cutter would be installed upon.

4. The cutter is punched out from stainless steel 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch by 30/1000 thick square with a raised 1/8 inch by 1/8 inch U shaped cutter and four 1/16 inch holes one in each corner that will be used to install cutter onto clamp.

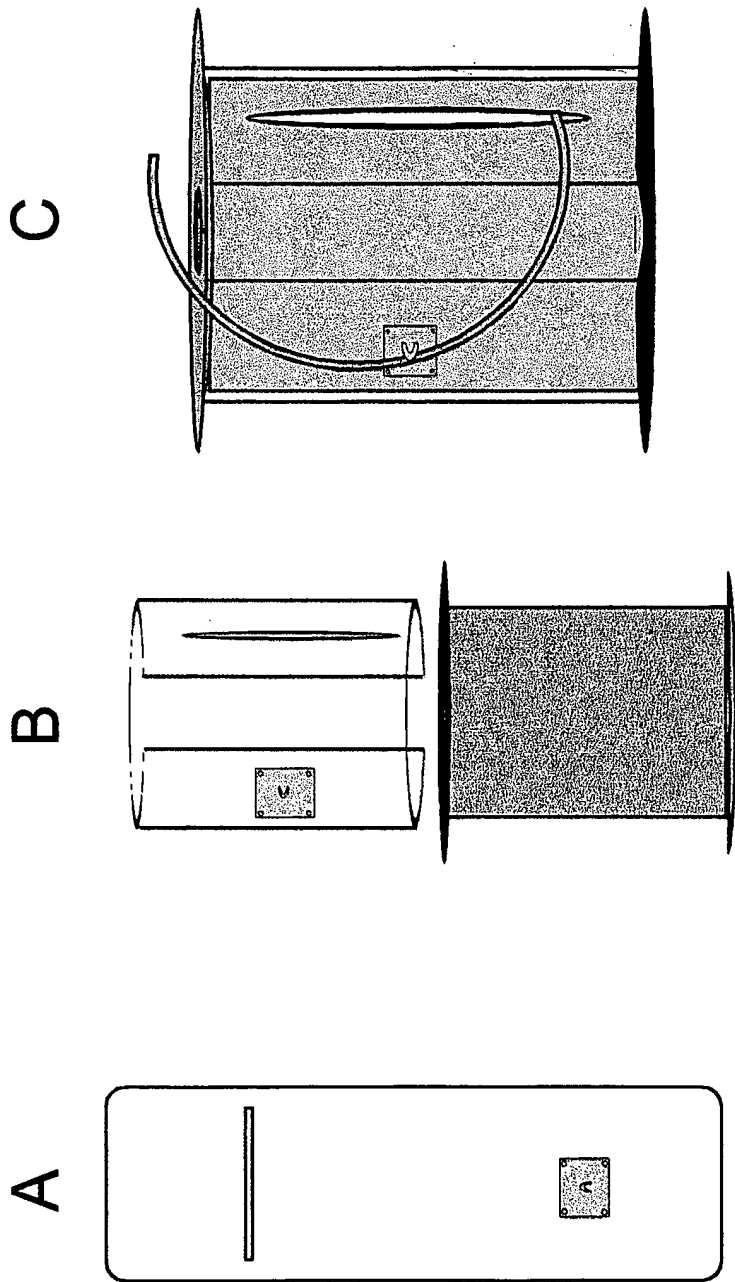


5. The cutter is installed to the clamp using the four posts on the plastic and the holes on the cutter and then hot tipped on using a heated tool that will melt the plastic that is protruding through the holes causing a domed shape which will affix it into place making it part of the plastic clamp.

6. When used in its proper application the clamp will help to keep line from unraveling on most standard size spools of fishing line by clamping around the spool holding it into place, with a slot that the user will be able to feed line out of and a cutter that will cut the line off to any desired length and hold the line in place.

# **E-Z LINE CLAMP & CUTTER**

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## **Claim**

The **Easy Line Clamp and Cutter** has been designed so the amateur and pro fishermen can keep their monofilament or nylon line on the spool with out it coming unraveling.

It has a slot to feed the line through, and a convenient cutter to cut the line off at any desired length.

It keeps tension on line from beginning to end.

## **Abstract of Disclosure**

### **E-Z Line Clamp & Cutter**

Clamp is made by injecting a clear plastic PET-G into a mold which forms a slot and four posts for a stainless steel cutter, when the formed clamp is removed from the mold it is then put into a machine that has a heated tube that will allow the plastic to be softened slightly so it can take on the shape of a spring loaded clamp, then cold air is injected into the tube to make the plastic rigid which allows it to hold its shape, the stainless steel cutter has four holes which were punched into the platform which allows cutter to be installed onto the posts, the posts are heated with a concaved hot tip tool that makes a mushroom shaped cap that bonds the cutter to the clamp. Used for keeping line from unraveling on standard size fishing line spools.